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HEARTRENDING...
THE STORY OF
THE LAST WITCH

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Love Witch

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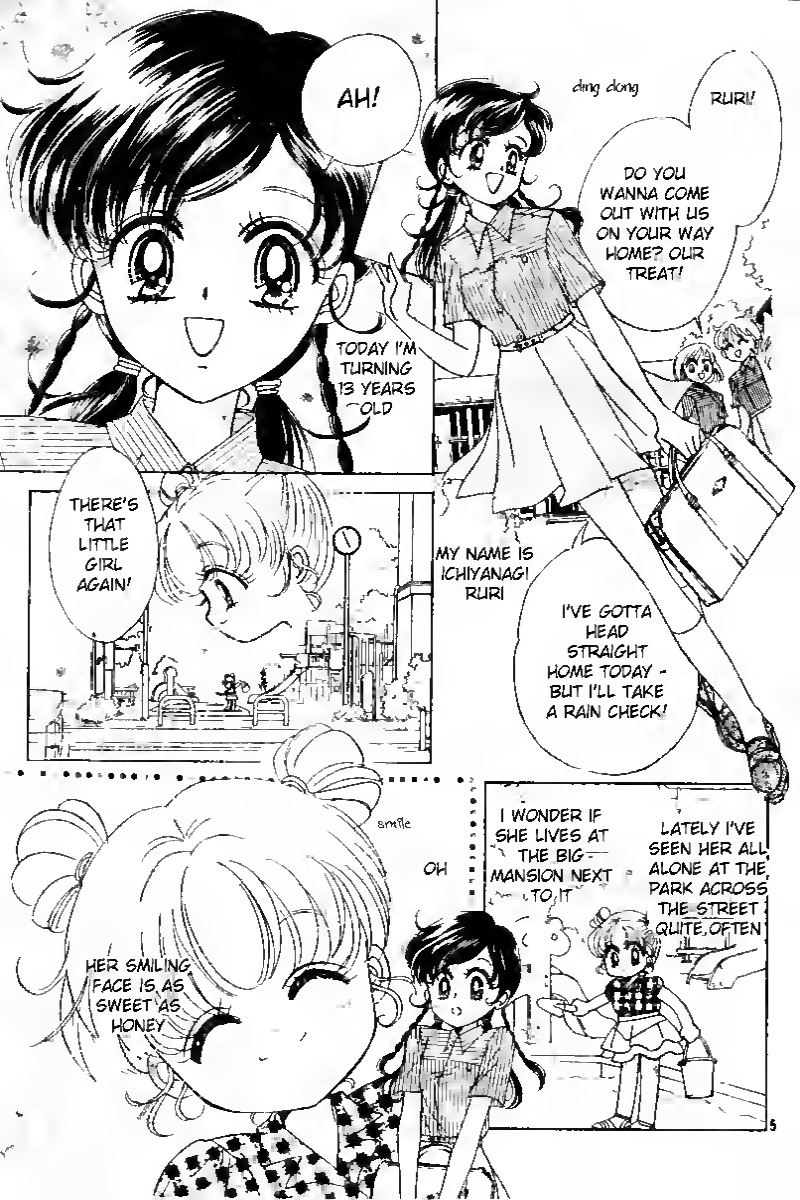
IN THIS WORLD, THERE ARE WOMEN GIFTED WITH WONDROUS POWERS BY THE GODDESS
WHAT A FAMILIAR SMELL
LIGHT...
flash

beep
beep
beep
beep
plunk
ACK!
beep
beep
beep
beep
A DREAM? UGH, MY HEAD HURTS
wobble
OH NO!
tip
MY FAVORITE GLASS! THE GIFT MOM BROUGHT ME HOME FROM VENICE!!
IT'S FALLING!
ACK!
WOW THAT WAS CLOSE! HOW LUCKY!
NO WAY
beep
beep
beep
beep
THE GLASS WENT BACK?!


AH!
TODAY I'M TURNING 13 YEARS OLD
ding dong
RURI!
DO YOU WANNA COME OUT WITH US ON YOUR WAY HOME? OUR TREAT!
MY NAME IS ICHIYANAGI RURI
I'VE GOTTA HEAD STRAIGHT HOME TODAY - BUT I'LL TAKE A RAIN CHECK!
THERE'S THAT LITTLE GIRL AGAIN!
I WONDER IF SHE LIVES AT THE BIG MANSION NEXT TO IT
LATELY I'VE SEEN HER ALL ALONE AT THE PARK ACROSS THE STREET QUITE OFTEN
OH
smile
HER SMILING FACE IS AS SWEET AS HONEY
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BYE BYE BIG SIS!
whoosh
BRUSH
6
BYE BYE
SHE'S SO LOUD, EVEN FROM ACROSS THE STREET. SHE'S SO CUTE AND FRIENDLY
IT ALMOST FEELS LIKE HAVING A LITTLE SISTER
I WONDER IF MOM WILL GET HOME LATE AS USUAL, EVEN THOUGH TODAY'S MY BIRTHDAY...
MAMA?!
WELCOME HOME

I CAME HOME EARLY BECAUSE IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY, RURI
I BOUGHT YOU A CAKE
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HOME SO EARLY?
WOW, WHAT A CUTE CAKE!
A PRESENT CAME FROM YOUR DAD TOO (OVERNIGHT DELIVERY)
A BUNCH OF DICTIONARIES?! I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS! JEAZ!
ACK
SO RURI, YOU'RE 13 YEARS OLD NOW. TIME FLIES, DOESN'T IT?
MOM AND DAD DIVORCED THREE YEARS AGO (I DON'T KNOW WHY), AND NOW I ALONE WITH MY MOM. JUST THE TWO OF US.

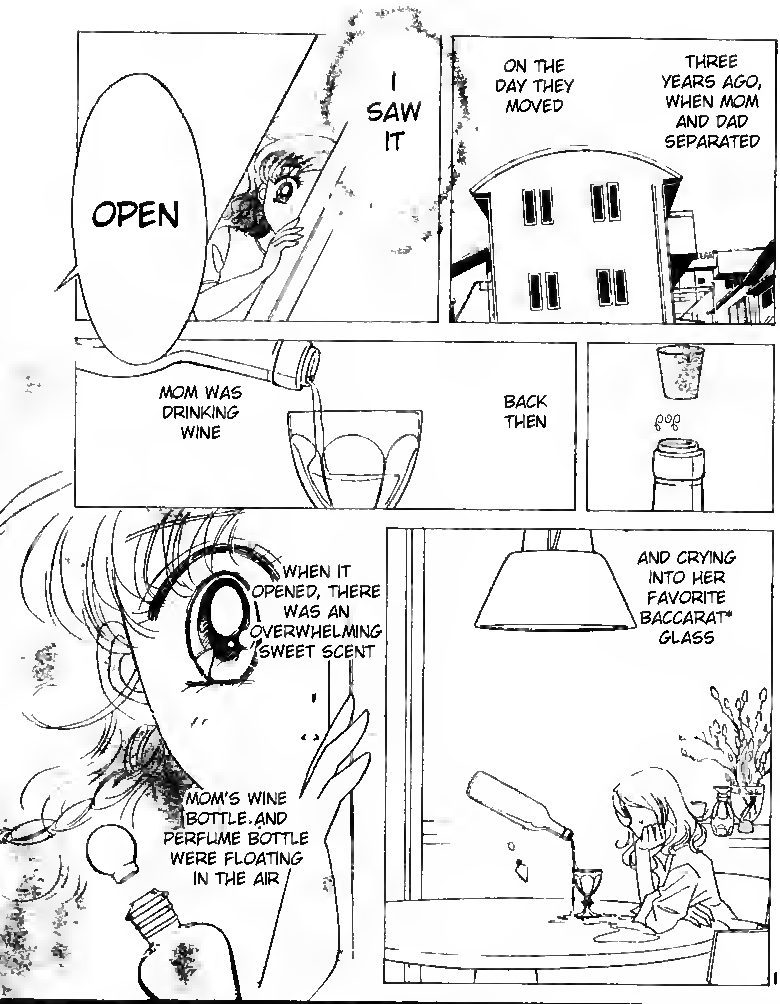
PRETTY AND RESOURCEFUL
CHEERS!
MAMA RUNS A SMALL TALENT AGENCY
SINCE SHE'S MANAGING THE CAREERS OF SO MANY UP AND COMING STARS, SHE'S REALLY BUSY AND HARDLY EVER COME
SOMETHING MUST BE UP FOR HER TO COME HOME THIS UNUSUALLY EARLY
SO WHAT'S YOUR PRESENT?
OF COURSE
DO YOU WANT IT?

WHEN I TURNED 13, YOUR GRANDMOTHER GAVE ME ONE JUST LIKE IT
THAT IS A WITCH'S PERFUME BOTTLE
A PERFUME BOTTLE? AN ANTIQUE?
WOMEN OF THE ARTS, WHO CAN GRANT WISHES, AND WHO HOLD WONDEROUS POWERS. THE LINEAGE OF THE WITCHES.
A WITCH'S?
I'M GOING TO TELL YOU MY SECRET. ABOUT OUR FAMILY'S LINEAGE.
smile
AND RURI, IF I TOLD YOU YOU'RE THE CHILD OF A WTICH,
WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?

TO BE MORE PRECISE, YOU'LL BE A WITCH, TOO, IF YOU CAN GET THE CAP OF THE BOTTLE TO OPEN DURING THE RITUAL
HUH?
IT'S AN INITIATION CEREMONY FOR 13 YEAR OLD GIRLS BORN OF THE LINEAGE OF THE WITCHES.
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT A RITUAL?
THE CAP? OH HEY, YOU'RE RIGHT. IT REALLY WON'T OPEN!
pull
HOLD THE BOTTLE LIKE THIS
FIRST
S-SO WHAT DO I DO?
NERVOUS...
WHETHER OR NOT YOU CAN COMPLETE THE RITUAL DETERMINES IF YOU WILL BE A WITCH OR NOT

THEN YOU CHANT
"OPEN"
CLOSE YOUR EYES, FOCUS, AND CLEAR YOUR HEART AND MIND. THEN, WHISPER SOFTLY:
"I SACRIFICE MY BELOVED"
THE CAP STILL WON'T OPEN
silence
THAT'S BECAUSE THAT BOTTLE IS YOURS, RURI. YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN OPEN IT
WHAT HAPPENS IF I CAN GET IT TO OPEN?
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO CALL UPON THE POWERS OF THE GODDESS

ARE YOU DRUNK?
MAMA
AND YOU'LL HAVE THE POWER TO GIVE OTHERS HAPPINESS AND SORROW
IF SUCH A POWER REALLY DID EXIST,
I'M NOT DRUNK. ANYWAY, I MADE UP EVERYTHING ABOUT THE RITUAL.
NO
I ALREADY KNEW
BUT REALLY
THAT IS YOUR GRANDMA'S. YOU CAN WEAR IT AS A CHARM PENDANT.
NOW, LET'S HAVE SOME CAKE!
IT WOULD BE TERRIFYING
IT WOULDN'T BE A GOOD THING. I WANT YOU TO HAVE A PEACEFUL LIFE.


OPEN
I SAW IT
ON THE DAY THEY MOVED
THREE YEARS AGO, WHEN MOM AND DAD SEPARATED
MOM WAS DRINKING WINE
BACK THEN
WHEN IT OPENED, THERE WAS AN OVERWHELMING SWEET SCENT
MOM'S WINE BOTTLE AND PERFUME BOTTLE WERE FLOATING IN THE AIR
AND CRYING INTO HER FAVORITE BACCARAT* GLASS
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PSYCHOKINESIS

*NOTE: BACCARAT IS A FAMOUS FRENCH CRYSTAL MAKING COMPANY

PSYCHIC POWERS
IS A WITCH SOMEONE WITH PSYCHIC POWERS?
RURI, IF I TOLD YOU YOU'RE THE CHILD OF A WTICH, WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?
THAT REMINDS ME
THE GLASS FROM THIS MORNING!
wobble
OHHH
THIS IS USELESS
BUT ONLY IF YOU'RE ABLE TO OPEN THE CAP DURING THE RITUAL
MOVE
MOVE!
OPEN!
silence
BUT I DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY. AND MAYBE THE GLASS FROM THIS MORNING WAS...
flop

THAT LITTLE GIRL IS THERE AGAIN
OH!
JUST MY IMAGINATION
ding dong
turn
ARE YOU HERE PLAYING BY YOURSELF?
YUP!
BIG SISTER!
smile
OH!
HELLO
I LOVE THE PARK!
I DON'T REALLY LIKE PARKS. SOMEHOW, IT'S KIND OF A SCARY PLACE.
ARE YOU HOUSE-SITTING EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE SO LITTLE? IT'S DANGEROUS TO PLAY AT THE PARK BY YOURSELF.

I WANT TO COME WITH YOU, BIG SISTER!
SO HOW ABOUT I STAY AND PLAY WITH YOU?
HUH?!
YEAH!
WOW, THAT'S AMAZING! WHAT IS IT?
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
I HAVEN'T. BUT I'LL EAT!
IT'S A BIRTHDAY CAKE. HAVEN'T YOU SEEN ONE BEFORE? DO YOU WANT SOME?

WHAT?
YOUR NAME. WHAT'S YOUR NAME? YOU KNOW, WHAT YOUR MOM AND DAD ALWAYS CALL YOU
I DON'T HAVE ONE
YOUR MOM AND DAD ARE GONE?
ARE YOU STAYING WITH SOMEONE WHO ISN'T YOUR PARENT?
SO THERE'S NO ONE TO CALL ME ANY NAME
I USED TO HAVE A MOM AND DAD, BUT NOW I DON'T
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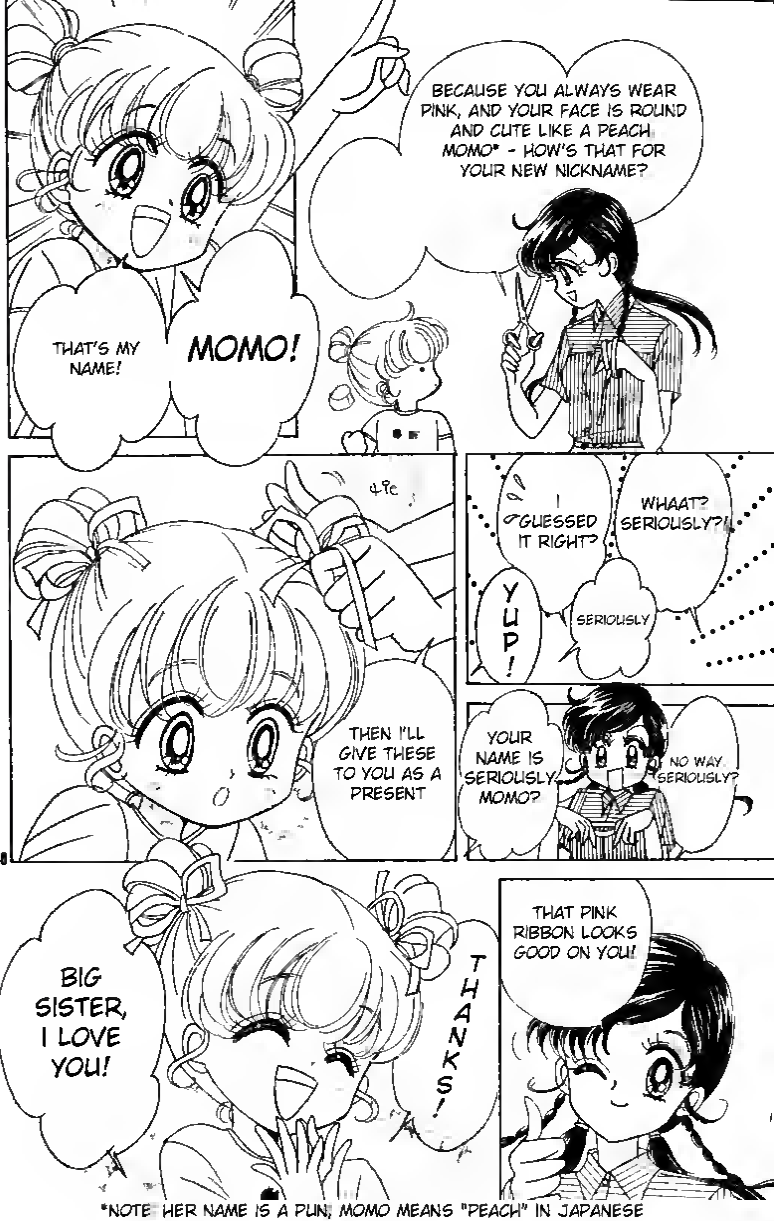
OR MAYBE
SHE'S JUST FORGOTTEN HER NAME?
Smile
HER SMILING FACE IS AS SWEET AS HONEY, EVERY TIME I SEE HER
MOMO

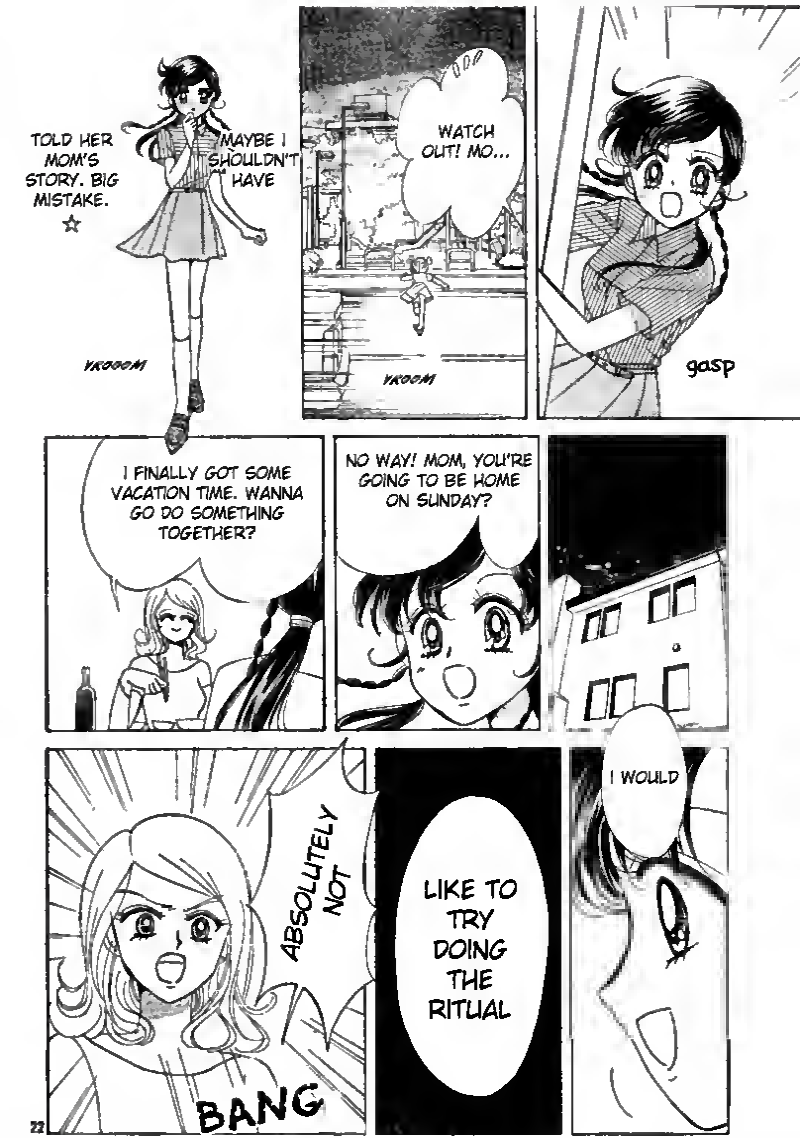

BECAUSE YOU ALWAYS WEAR PINK, AND YOUR FACE IS ROUND AND CUTE LIKE A PEACH MOMO* - HOW'S THAT FOR YOUR NEW NICKNAME?
THAT'S MY NAME!
MOMO!
I GUESSED IT RIGHT?
WHAAT? SERIOUSLY?!
YUP!
SERIOUSLY
THEN I'LL GIVE THESE TO YOU AS A PRESENT
YOUR NAME IS SERIOUSLY MOMO?
NO WAY SERIOUSLY?
THAT PINK RIBBON LOOKS GOOD ON YOU!
BIG SISTER, I LOVE YOU!
THANKS!

*NOTE: HER NAME IS A PUN; MOMO MEANS "PEACH" IN JAPANESE

WOOOAH
W-WAIT A MINUTE!
WOW! PRETTY! WHAT IS THIS?
WHAT?!
I'VE DECIDED! I'M GOING TO STAY HERE FOR A LOOOOONG TIME!
woo hoo!
dash
A WITCH'S?
IT'S A WITCH'S PERFUME BOTTLE
THAT'S SOMETHING PRECIOUS MY MOM GAVE TO ME FOR MY BIRTHDAY!
grab
WHY NOT?
MOMO, YOU CAN'T BECOME A WITCH
BECAUSE... WELL...
I'M GOING TO BECOME A WITCH TOO!
AND SOMEDAY, I'LL BECOME A WITCH TOO
IT'S A SECRET, BUT MY MOM IS A WITCH

OH! IT GLITTERED!
PRETTY! WHAT IS THAT!
OH, THIS?
THIS IS A BEADED BRACELET MY GRANDMA MADE FOR ME
PRETTY, ISN'T IT? MY MOM AND I HAVE A MATCHING PAIR.
I REALLY LIKE IT. ME AND MY MOM WEAR THESE AS CHARMS.
BIG SISTER
DO YOU LOVE YOUR MOM THE MOST?
YEAH
I REALLY ADMIRE HER A LOT
HMMM
I WANT THIS!
grab
HEY!

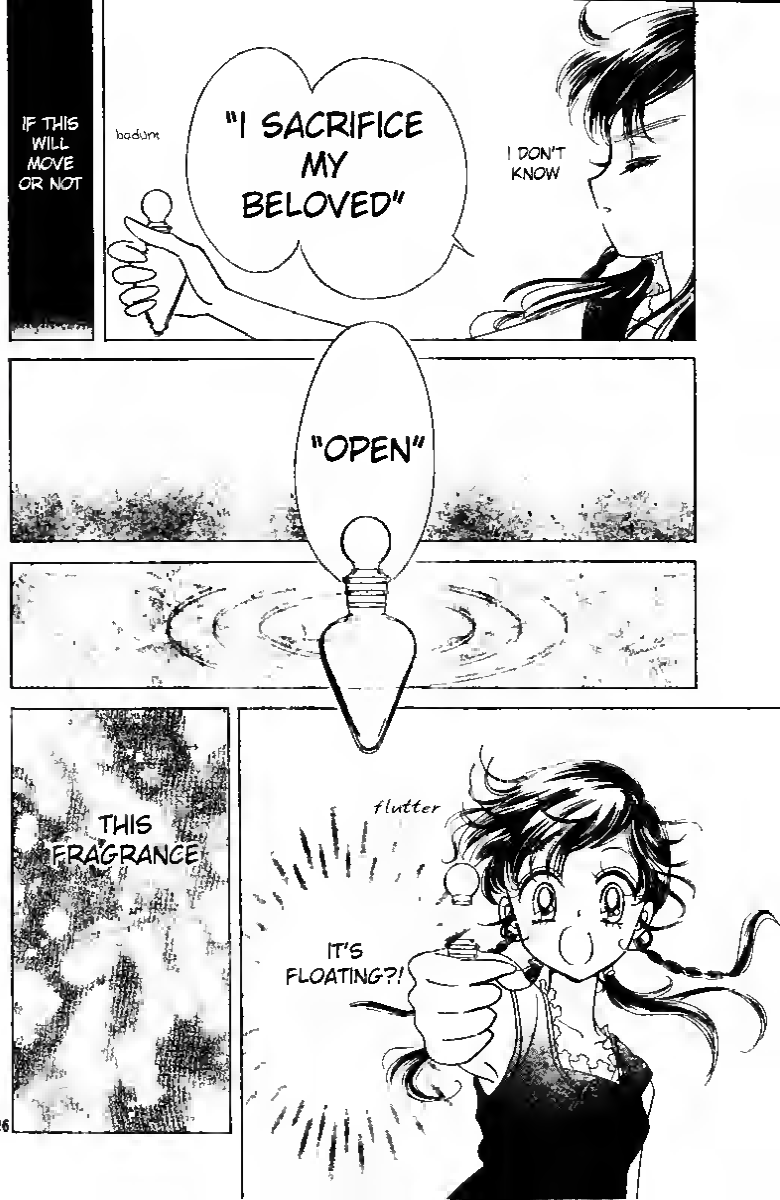
gasp
SNATCH
NO! GIVE THAT BACK!
SORRY MOMO! BUT THIS IS
UH OH, I MADE HER MAD
POUT
WAIT!
MOMO?!
MOMO COME BACK!
chirp chirp
cheep!
HUH? A BIRD?

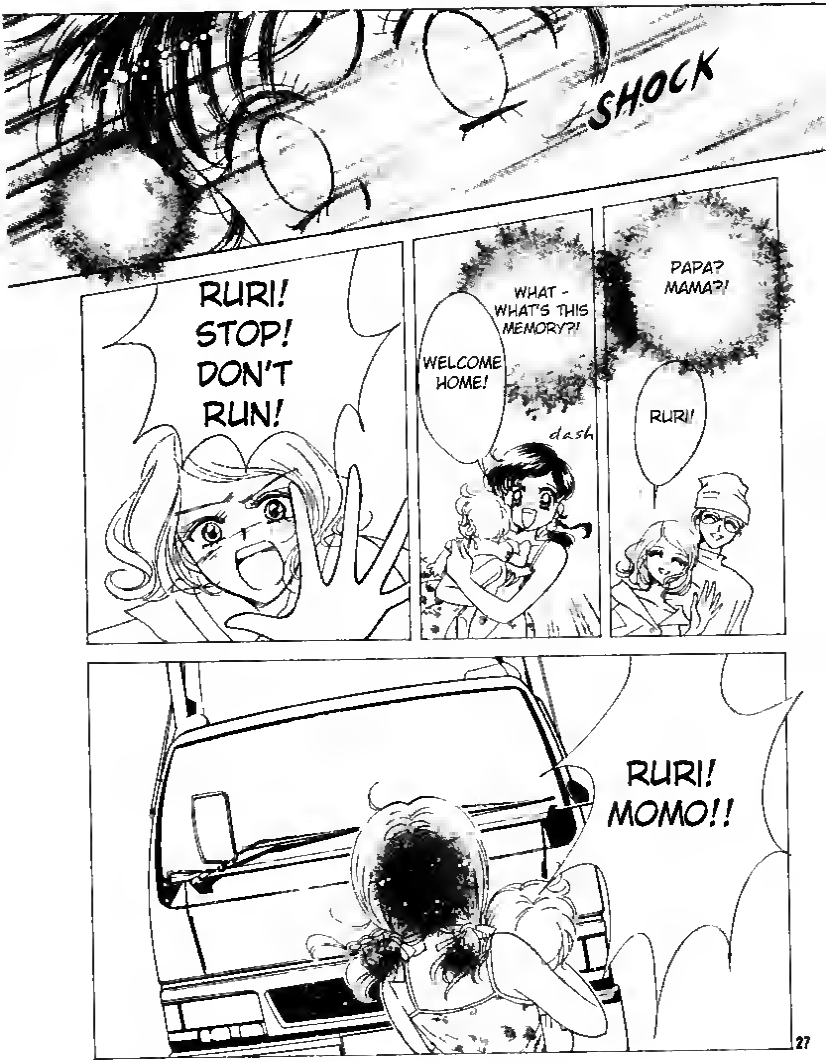

TOLD HER MOM'S STORY. BIG MISTAKE. ☆
MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE
VROOOM
WATCH OUT! MO...
VROOM
gasp
I FINALLY GOT SOME VACATION TIME. WANNA GO DO SOMETHING TOGETHER?
NO WAY! MOM, YOU'RE GOING TO BE HOME ON SUNDAY?
I WOULD
LIKE TO TRY DOING THE RITUAL
ABSOLUTELY NOT
BANG
22

SHOCK
SORRY. I'M JUST REALLY ON EDGE AFTER WORK TODAY.
WHAT WAS ALL THAT ABOUT?
SHE STARTLED ME
SHOULD WE GO OUT SHOPPING? I CAN BUY YOU CLOTHES.
REALLY?
WELL THEN, IT'S A DATE! YAY!
FINE THEN
WE'LL TALK ABOUT THE RITUAL SOME OTHER TIME
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I'VE GOTTEN TO GO OUT AND DO SOMETHING FUN WITH MOM!
WORK?
SORRY, BUT AN AUDITION OPPORTUNITY SUDDENLY CAME UP FOR A LEADING ROLE IN A MOVIE FOR ONE OF MY TALENTS. I'VE GOT SOME CONNECTIONS SO I MIGHT BE ABLE TO LAND HER THE PART!

HERE'S MY CREDIT CARD GO AHEAD AND TREAT YOURSELF - BUT DON'T BUY ANYTHING TOO SCANDALOUS!
OH NO
RUR!
YOU'VE NEVER ONCE SPENT A WEEKEND AT HOME
DAD WAS ALWAYS HERE IN YOUR PLACE
MAMA, YOU ALWAYS MAKE UP YOUR MIND WITHOUT TALKING TO ANYONE ELSE
grip
YOU DON'T CARE AT ALL ABOUT YOUR CHILD
GOING TO STOP
I DIDN'T WANT TO DEAL WITH THE DIVORCE OR A NEW HOUSE BUT YOU JUST DECIDED...
NO, I'M NOT.

MAMA?
CLATTER
I WAS REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO GOING OUT TOGETHER
I'M THE ONE WHO WANTS TO CRY
WHY IS SHE THE ONE CRYING?
SLAM
23
I'LL DO THE RITUAL BY MYSELF THEN
ABSOLUTELY NOT
SHE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND HOW LONELY I FEEL STUPID MOM! I'M GOING TO TAKE HER CREDIT CARD AND BLOW ALL HER MONEY!
punch
punch
oww e


IF THIS WILL MOVE OR NOT
badum
"I SACRIFICE MY BELOVED"
I DON'T KNOW
"OPEN"
THIS FRAGRANCE
flutter
IT'S FLOATING?!


SHOCK
RURI! STOP! DON'T RUN!
WELCOME HOME!
WHAT - WHAT'S THIS MEMORY?!
dash
PAPA? MAMA?!
RURI!
RURI! MOMO!!
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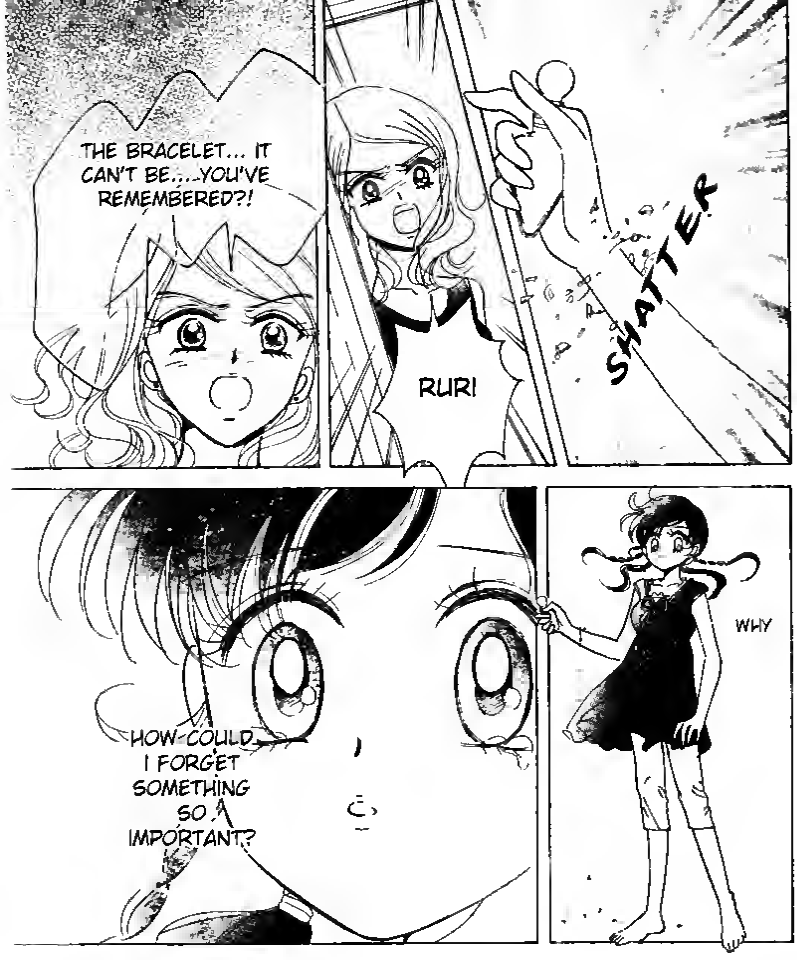
NO. NO WAY THAT CAN'T BE
MOMO WENT TO HEAVEN
WELL, MOMO
WHERE IS MOMO?
I'M GOING TO GO WHERE MOMO IS!!
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS! IT MUST BE SOME KIND OF NIGHTMARE!
JUST PLEASE... DON'T SAY THINGS LIKE THIS ANYMORE
I'VE GOT TO HELP HER FORGET EVERYTHING!
RURI...! I'VE GOT TO HELP HER FORGET



"MOMO" WAS MY LITTLE SISTER'S NAME

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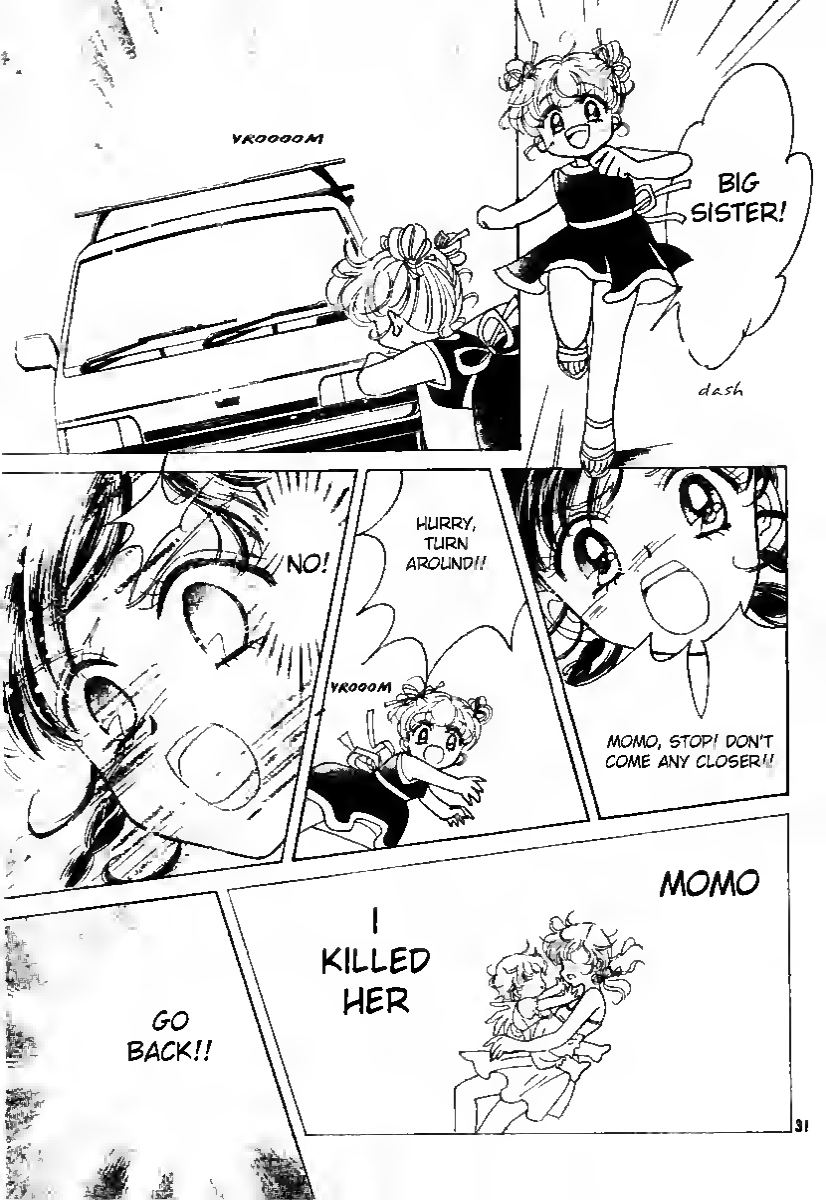
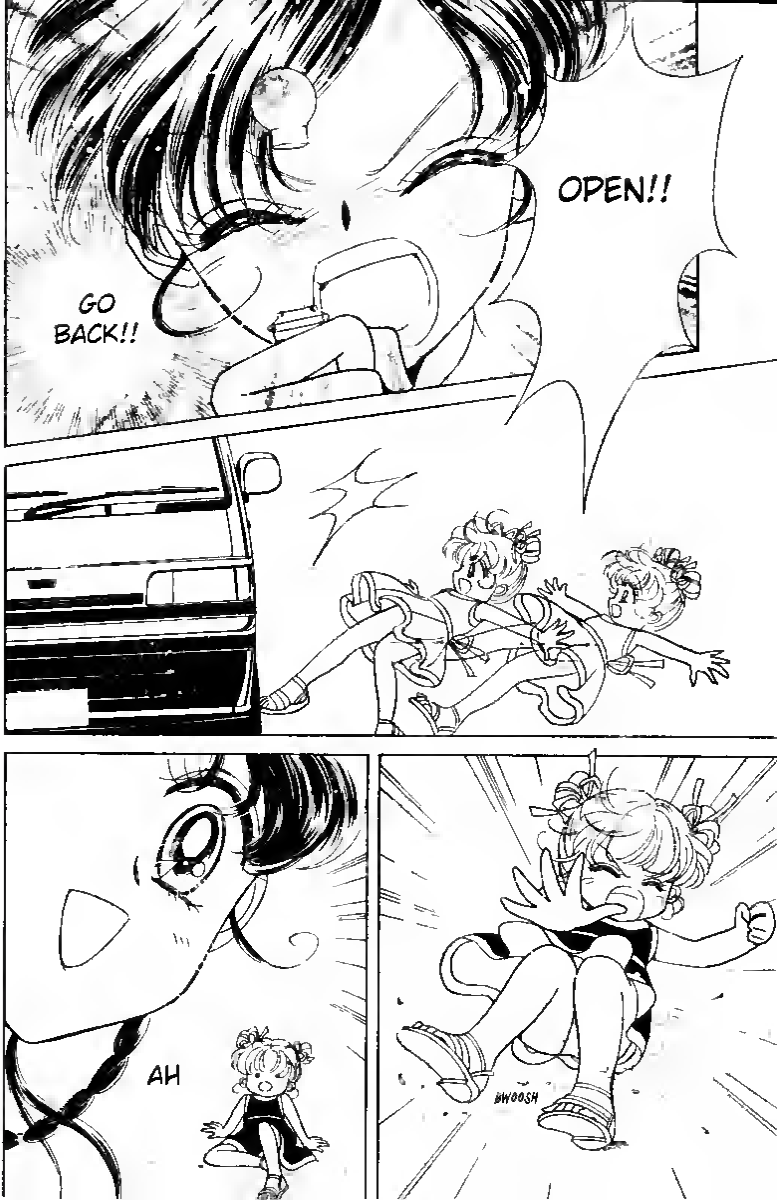
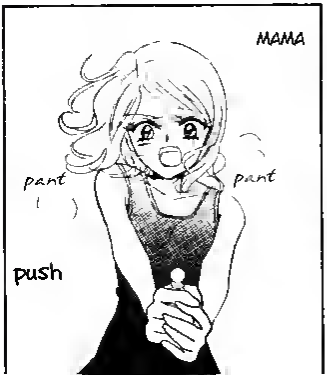
MY SWEET LITTLE SISTER
SHE DIED FOUR YEARS AGO
THE REASON I'M AFRAID OF THE PARK
IS BECAUSE MOMO DIED
RURI
BANG
RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET
HEY!
BIG SISTER!
MOMO?


VROOOOM
BIG SISTER!
dash
NO!
HURRY, TURN AROUND!!
VROOOM
MOMO, STOP! DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!!
MOMO
I KILLED HER
GO BACK!!


OPEN!!
GO BACK!!
AH
SWOOSH

RURI, LOOK OUT!
SUEEEEAAAAAAL

THUD
SQUEEAL


MAMA
pant
pant
push

push

pant
pant

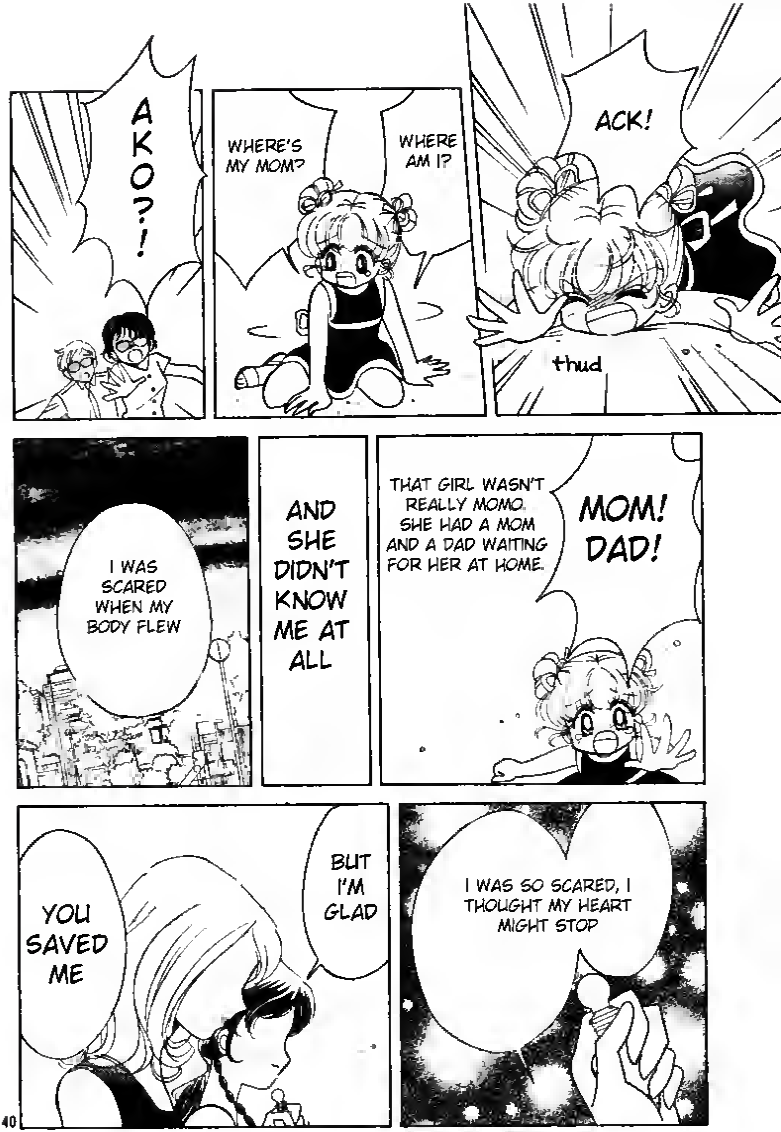
BIG SISTER!
MAMA?
pant
pant
WAS THAT
clank
clank
MOMO, IT'S YOU RIGHT?
MOMO
YOU WERE ALIVE, RIGHT?
YOU WEREN'T DEAD YOU WERE ALIVE THIS WHOLE TIME, RIGHT?
I WAS SO OVERJOYED THAT MOM AND DAD HAD COME TO SEE US TOGETHER
MOMO, I'M SO SORRY

I WAS JUST SO FILLED WITH EMOTION
THAT I DIDN'T HOLD ON TO YOUR HAND TIGHTLY ENOUGH, MOMO
MOMO, IT'S ALL MY FAULT
IT HAPPENED BECAUSE I USED MY POWERS
grip
MY CURSED POWERS
USING MY IMCOMPLETE POWERS, I PULLED YOU BACK TO ME WITH ALL MY MIGHT, RURI.
"OPEN!!"
WAITING FOR NEWS
MY NEW CARD FILE IS NOW ON SALE. CHECK IT OUT! SEND "FANMAIL" TO:
YUKIKUSA NAOKO-SENSEI
MANGA CARD FILE DEPARTMENT
SHINSHUSHA 91
AKASAKA POST OFFICE
P.O.BOX 2555
TOKYO, 107-8555
JAPAN

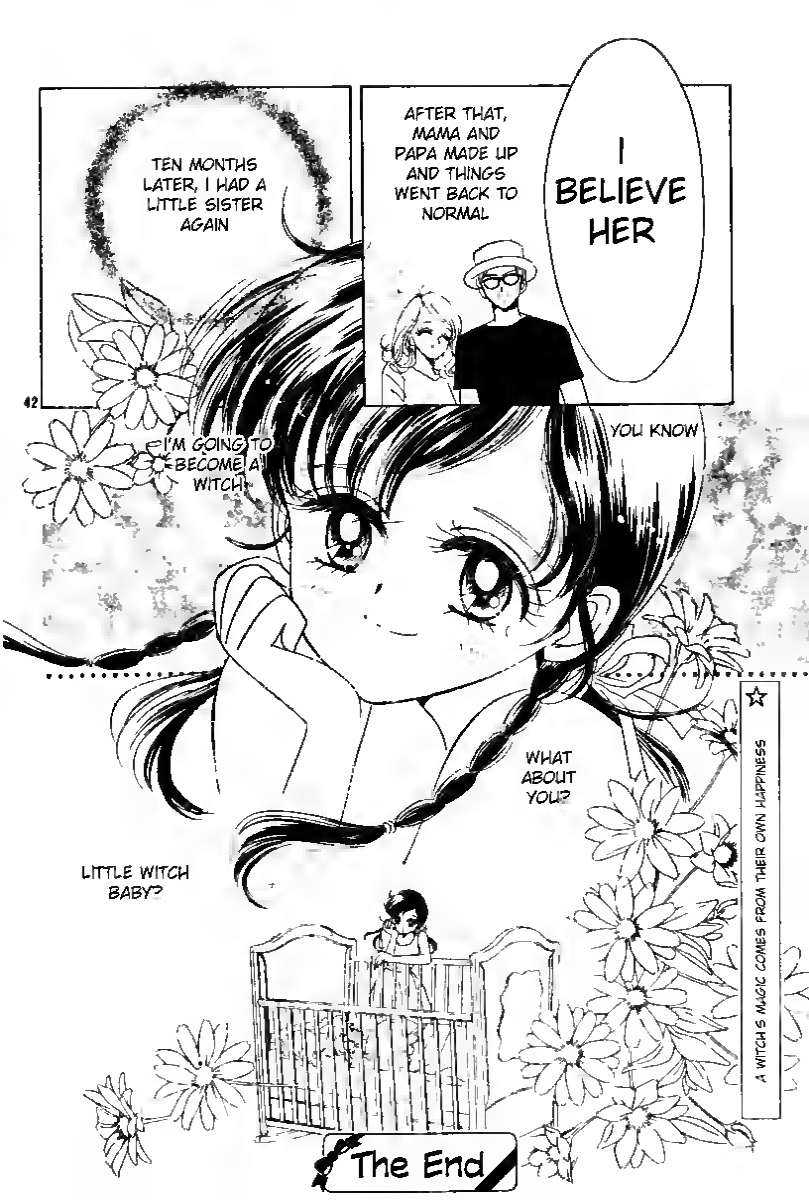
RURI, YOU WERE HOLDING ON TO MOMO WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH
IT WAS MY FAULT. I KNOCKED YOU OFF BALANCE.
THAT'S NOT RIGHT
I JUMPED OUT
BY MYSELF
BACK THEN
I KNEW YOU WERE GOING TO DIE, SIS
BUT I DIDN'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN
SO I SHOVED YOU ASIDE LIKE THIS

AND DIED IN YOUR PLACE
I CAME BACK JUST BECAUSE I WANTED TO SEE YOU AGAIN
YOU KNOW
cheep cheep cheep
BECAUSE I FINALLY GOT TO TELL YOU
AND NOW I'M HAPPY

glow
I LOVE YOU
OH! I'M BEING CALLED BACK!
chirp
BYE BYE MAMA, BIG SISTER!
MOMO...?
THAT LIGHT...


AKO?!
WHERE'S MY MOM?
WHERE AM I?
ACK!
thud
I WAS SCARED WHEN MY BODY FLEW
AND SHE DIDN'T KNOW ME AT ALL
THAT GIRL WASN'T REALLY MOMO. SHE HAD A MOM AND A DAD WAITING FOR HER AT HOME.
MOM! DAD!
YOU SAVED ME
BUT I'M GLAD
I WAS SO SCARED, I THOUGHT MY HEART MIGHT STOP

MAMA, YOU USED ALL YOUR STRENGTH TO SAVE ME.
THANK YOU, MAMA
HEY
DID YOU AND DAD BREAK UP BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T LIKE HIM ANYMORE?
EVEN NOW
I STILL LOVE HIM
I'M GLAD
DO YOU BELIEVE
WHAT MOMO SAID?
OF COURSE


TEN MONTHS LATER, I HAD A LITTLE SISTER AGAIN
AFTER THAT, MAMA AND PAPA MADE UP AND THINGS WENT BACK TO NORMAL
I BELIEVE HER
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I'M GOING TO BECOME A WITCH
YOU KNOW
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
LITTLE WITCH BABY?
A WITCH'S MAGIC COMES FROM THEIR OWN HAPPINESS
The End